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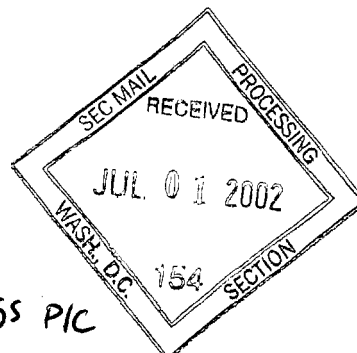
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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934



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STAGECOACH GROUP

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

10 Dunkeld Road
Perth, PH1 5TW
Scotland

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of
1934

Yes ☐ No ☒

28 June 2002

STAGECOACH RAIL IN BID TO RUN BOSTON COMMUTER SYSTEM

Stagecoach Group confirms that it has been short-listed as a bidder to run the heavy rail services of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the commuter railway serving Boston and surrounding areas.

Stagecoach's bid is through Stagecoach Rail North America, in partnership with Herzog, one of the most experienced private rail firms in the US. The contract is a five-year management contract to operate a vertically-integrated railway, including operation and maintenance of both rolling stock and infrastructure.

Keith Cochrane, Stagecoach Group chief executive, welcomed the decision. "This is another step in our strategy of building our rail business where we have built relationships locally through Coach USA. "Our ownership of South West Trains, Britain's biggest franchise, makes Stagecoach Rail one of the most experienced private rail operators in the world. Together with our US partner Herzog, we are sure we can provide value for both the passengers and taxpayers of Boston."

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Notes to editors:-

Herzog, based in Missouri, is a diversified American engineering and construction group with long experience of rail infrastructure, contracting and railcar leasing and operations, including commuter railways in Miami, Florida; Dallas, Texas and San Jose, California.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the MBTA, is one of the largest commuter rail operators in North America, carrying more than 30 million passengers per year into Boston on 13 commuter lines linking 116 stations.

Stagecoach Group runs South West Trains, Britain's biggest commuter railway, with 1700 trains a day into London Waterloo.

Stagecoach Group is also partner with Virgin in Virgin Trains, on the key West Coast Main Line and Cross Country long-distance franchises.

Stagecoach Rail also runs Sheffield Supertram, and is bidding for other light rail businesses.

Earlier this month, Stagecoach Rail was named as preferred partner to develop Wellington commuter services in New Zealand.



SOUTH WEST TRAINS



SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

STAGECOACH GROUP

By: 

Name: Derek Scott
Title: Company Secretary

Dated: 28 June 2002